Reduction in operational cost of FCI

†2938. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that operational expenditure has witnessed a downward trend after the Food Corporation of India has put into practice the recommendations of the multinational institution Mckinsey; and

(b) if so, the operational expenditure in the year 2005-06 and to what extent this expenditure was less than the operational expenditure of 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The operational expenditure of the Food Corporation of India has come down to Rs.12,811 crore (Revised Estimates) during 2005-06 in comparison to Rs.15,300 crore (Provisional) during 2004-05. The reduction in operational expenditure is due to a number of factors which, *inter alia,* include implementation of the recommendations of M/s McKinsey & Co.

Foodgrains allotment to Uttar Pradesh

2939. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how often the prices of PDS rice and wheat were raised during the last two years and the details thereof;

(b) the foodgrains allotted to Uttar Pradesh for distributing to the BPL cardholders and the requirement prescribed by Government for each cardholder per month; and

(c) whether any insufficiency of foodgrains allotment to the BPL families in Uttar Pradesh has been brought to the notice of Government and the steps taken to augment the supplies?

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